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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 USC §121 SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the subspecies VII for a method of implanting an ICD in accordance with Figs. 24A-24C, without traverse. The following claims pertain to this invention: 1-95. As the Examiner indicated, the following independent claims are generic 1, 32 and 63.

Kindly insert the following new claims:

